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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

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In accordance with See 37 CFR § 1.97(d) and (e), the undersigned submits that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

Non-Prior Art Document

Attached for the Examiner's consideration is a copy of an official notice of rejection issued in the corresponding Canadian Patent Application No. 2552417 and which is dated November 24, 2008. The Canadian application is a foreign counterpart of the present application.

Dated this 17th day of February 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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